GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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PREVENTION OF FEMALE FOETICIDE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of female foeticide in the country, particularly in Northern States of the country are constantly increasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons therefor;

(c) the number of female foeticide cases brought to the notice of the Government during each of the last three years, alongwith reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent such incidents in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(c) The National Crime Record Bureau(NCRB) collects the data on foeticide at present.Therefore, no data on female foeticide is available. A Statement giving State/UT- wise incidence on foeticide for the year 1998 & 1999 and 2000 is enclosed.

In order to prevent the cases of sex selective foeticide, the Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 banning disclosure of sex of foetus has been enacted and implemented in all states and UTs except J&K.the responsibility for implementation of the Act rests largely with the States/Union Territories.

The States/UTs have been advised to mount effective awareness compaigns to make the public and service providers aware of the provisions of the Act. The States/UTs have also been advised to provide protection to social activists and Non-Governmental Organizations giving information or filing complaints of violation of provisions of the Act.

Leading Non-Governmental Organisations have been requested to take up projects for generating awareness about the provisions of the Act, among doctors/clinics/law enforcing authorities and public at large.

INCIDENCE OF FOETICIDE DURING 1997 to 2000(up to available moths)

Sl.No	State/UT	1998	1999	2000 Fig. For the years 2000 are up to month of -
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	0	3	8 DEC
2.	ARUNACHAL PRAESH	0	0	0 DEC
3.	ASSAM	0	0	0 DEC
4.	BIHAR	2	4	1 DEC
5	GOA	0	0	0 DEC
6	GUJRAT	1	7	0 DEC
7	HARYANA	12	9	13 DEC
8.	HIMAHCAL PRADESH	1	1	0 DEC

9. JAMMU & KASHMIR 1 1 0 DEC
10. KARNATAKA 0 0 1 DEC
11. KERALA 0 0 0 DEC
12. MADHYA PRADESH 12 17 14 DEC
13. MAHARASHTRA 25 13 41 DEC
14. MANIPUR 0 0 0 DEC
15. MEGHALAYA 0 0 0 DEC
16. MIZORAM 0 0 0 DEC
17. NAGALAND 0 0 0 DEC
18. ORISSA 0 0 0 DEC
19. PUNJAB 2 3 0 DEC
20. RAJASTHAN 4 3 9 DEC
21. SIKKIM 0 0 0 DEC
22. TAMILNADU 0 0 0 DEC
23. TRIPURA 0 0 0 DEC
24. UTTAR PRADESH 0 0 0 DEC
25. WEST BENGAL 0 0 0 DEC

TOTAL (STATES 60 61 87

26. A&N ISLANDS 0 0 0 DEC
27. CHANDIGARH 0 0 1 DEC
28 DADAR NAGAR HAVELLI 0 0 0 DEC(Oct)
29. DAMAN & DIU 0 0 0 DEC
30. DELHI 2 0 2 DEC
31. LAKSHADWEEP 0 0 0 DEC
32. PONDICHERRY 0 0 0 DEC

TOTAL UTs 2 0 3

TOTAL(ALL INDIA) 62 61 90

SOURCE: MOTHLY CRIME STATISTICS.

Note: fig. are provisional. Bracketed month name indicates non-availability of data for that month